



NO Coal Gathering on June 5th In Portland During UN World Environment Day - You're Invited

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As chair of the North Portland Coal Committee I give our strong support to this World Environment Day resolution. NPCC invites our Stop Coal Export allies from throughout the Pacific Northwest to celebrate, educate and motivate our fellow citizens and elected officials to **take action** that will Stop Coal Exports through the veins and arteries of our beloved Pacific Northwest. We invite you to join us in Portland in a NO Coal Gathering on June 5th.

As the host city for the United Nations World Environment Day*, **Portland, Oregon will be at the center of environmental attention world wide.** This is an **extraordinary opportunity for our message of Stop Coal Exports through the Pacific Northwest to be heard.**

Start planning now to **be in Portland for our NO Coal Gathering on June 5th.** Come for the day or come to camp nearby, enjoy Portland's hospitality in public accommodations or stay with a friend.

Over the next few months both the city and other environmentally conscious organizations like the North Portland Coal Committee will be arranging various activities that will all relate to protecting the regional, national and global environment. NPCC will use its Facebook page to keep you informed.

Regardless of what or whom is planning events, the important thing is that this is an **unprecedented opportunity for those of us who want to protect our air, water, food supply, indeed, all living things in the Pacific Northwest from the dangers of coal transport** through our communities, to gather and chat and get to know one another for mutual support. We want to foster a sense of NO Coal camaraderie on June 5. **The more of us who show up the louder our message.**

The North Portland Coal Committee is looking forward to working with the city to make World Environment Day a success. Portland is a world class city for food, wine, beer, water and, of course, coffee. If you come you will not be disappointed.

So come to Portland on June 5th and bring your NO Coal Export signs, shirts, badges, hats, food, beverages, a folding chair etc. and your good humor. Wear some article of red clothing and a badge with your name and home town on it. *Be prepared to meet people and make new friends.*

From Bellingham to Vancouver to Eugene to Coos Bay. From Astoria to Camas to Dallasport to Hermiston. We, the North Portland Coal Committee, *welcome all of you* to Portland's NO Coal Gathering on June 5th during the United Nations World Environment Day celebration.

Testimony Before The Portland City Council 2-13-13

What: NO Coal Gathering in conjunction with United Nations World Environment

Day*

When: June 5, 2013

Where: Portland, Oregon

Details of Place and Time of Events: To Be Announced. Individuals and groups that would like to participate in planning or staging a NO Coal event are encouraged to contact us.

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<http://www.unep.org/wed/>

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Chair, North Portland Coal Committee

<http://www.goodgrowthnw.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/northportlandcoalcommittee>

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[Portland NO Coal Demonstration August 18, 2012](#)

[Columbia Riverkeepers NO Coal Northwest](#)

Eric de Place on Coal

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLz0Bf78qE8&feature=youtu.be>

Bonnie Meltzer on Coal

<http://earthfix.opb.org/multimedia/video/portland-activist-uses-her-art-to-protest-coal-exp/>

Greenpeace, The Coal Conspiracy

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Txf5_vYJuzw

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